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God spoke! and from the
arid scene
Sprang rich and verdant
bowers.
Till all the earth was soft
with green;
He smiled; and there were
flowers.

--Mary McNeil Fenollosa--

CALENDAR OF DATES

April Music Festival selections must be in this office
April 5-8 Inland Empire, Spokane
April 23 Poppy Posters due in office
May 6 Clatsop County Music Festival
May 7 High School Typing Contest

SOME DONT'S

1. Don't allow pupils to sharpen pencils during school time.
2. Don't crumple tablet paper. Leave it flat and put in wastepaper basket when it is passed.
3. Don't keep your windows closed forever. Let the sun shine in.

EFFECTIVENESS IN CLASSROOM: The effective classroom personality begets a friendly spirit of cooperation between the teacher and pupil. Anything that makes the contact between them noticeable is likely to become a barrier. The dress, voice, manners must be natural, pleasing, and gracious. Anything that prevents complete en rapport raises a barrier between the teacher and the learner and reduces the power of the teacher. It gives the pupil (sometimes) an alibi for failure.

Teachers who create fear and lack of ease, defeat learning and development. That teacher is successful who puts her faith ahead of the child's endeavor.-- Jessie Gray in the Brooklyn Teacher.



CAUTION: "We find that there are still in existence a few high-powered salesmen who prey upon the credulity of school teachers, especially those with little experience. If a salesman has a worthwhile set of books to sell, he will usually contact this office before he offers them to the teachers of the county. We do not recommend that teachers or school boards buy any particular set of books, but do sometimes give our sanction to the set and give the salesman a written permit to call upon the teachers of the county. Unless a salesman can produce such an authorization, no matter what he is selling, it would be wise to investigate quite carefully before any papers are signed. The high-powered salesman usually has a deal that must be closed immediately or the "opportunity" is lost. If the salesman has a legitimate article to sell, he will welcome a complete investigation and will give the prospective purchaser time to look into the matter before purchase.

We are quoting below a letter from one of the county school superintendents: "Please be careful in making purchases of school maps from agents in the county. A company appears to have organized a selling campaign and while the price is used as an argument for economy, the maps are not accurate and there are many errors in spelling, etc. It would be well to notify your teachers to lose no time with such salesmen."--Lane County Bulletin.

ART CLASS: We are glad to see several of our teachers availing themselves of the opportunity of attending the art class, which has been presented by Professor Henshaw. We feel that this art class has been worthwhile and we know those schools from which the teachers participated will receive some valuable art instruction next year.

Look up and not down; look forward and not back; look out and not in, and lend a hand.--Edward Everett Hale

"A snob is one who thinks of others when he gets tired of thinking about himself."



MUSIC FESTIVAL: The Clatsop County Music Festival will be held at the Gyro Field in Astoria on May 6, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a general admission of ten cents for adults and all not taking part in the program.

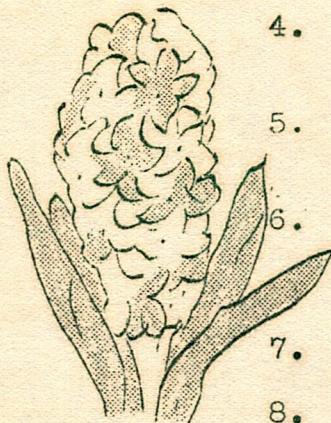
Each pupil in the program is to wear an identification card showing the name of the school and district number. These children are to enter the field through the east side entrance. All others are to use the front entrance. All schools must take part unless excused by the county school superintendent.

Each school is to put on one number (limited to five minutes; no encores) or combine with neighboring school or schools. These may be any form of musical interpretation, vocal, instrumental (excluding solos) drills or some form of dancing, and may be costumed or not as the teacher chooses. Each teacher is asked to use as many of her pupils as possible.

Your selection is to be sent to Miss Anne Lewis, County School Superintendent, not later than April 1, for the OK of the committee. Care should be taken in the selection of numbers, as our aim is to up-lift the appreciation of music.

POPPY POSTER CONTEST: We are listing below some of the important rules governing the poppy poster contest.

1. Contest shall have three classes: First, students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades inclusive; second, students in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades inclusive; and third, students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades inclusive.
2. There shall be a National prize for the best poster in each class and a Department prize of \$5.00 for the winning poster in each class.
3. The Unit prize winning posters shall be sent to Department Chairman by May 10th. Three prize winning posters from each department shall be sent to National Headquarters 15 days prior to National Convention. Three posters selected by judges shall be the winners of the \$5.00 prizes.



4. "AMERICAN LEGION" OR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY" MUST BE incorporated in the design of the poster.
5. Each poster may have a fitting slogan which must not exceed ten words.
6. Each poster should have colors in keeping with the subject. The flowers to be used in the design must be the red Flanders Poppy.
7. POSTERS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SATURDAY, APRIL 23.
8. The posters shall measure 14 in. by 20. in.
9. It is very important that the name and address of the student and unit be written in ink on the back upper left hand corner of each poster.

TYING CONTEST: The regular high school typing contest will be held Saturday, May 7, beginning at 10:00 A.M., and will be held in the Astoria High School. Each high school in the county offering typing may enter two novice or first year typing students and two amateur or second year typing students in the contest.

Astoria High School will not compete. Other schools in the county with typing departments expected to enter are the Jewell, Knappa-Svensen, Seaside, Warrenton and Westport high schools.

A silver cup will be awarded to the school whose team of four entrants makes the best record. Ribbon awards similar to last year will be given for the following:

- Best novice (first year) team
- Best amateur (second year) team
- Best individual novice record
- Best individual amateur record
- Best accuracy record, team of four
- Best individual accuracy record, over 50 words a minute



The material will be similar to that sent to you by the head of the Department of Secretarial Science, Corvallis. This material is suggested by the Oregon State College Business Administration Department as similar to the materials which will be used this year in the state typing contest.

As far as possible, the contest rules governing the state high school typing contest, as printed in the state course of study for commercial subjects, will be followed. The same eligibility rules will apply as in the state contest. Papers will be checked according to international typing contest rules.

Each entrant may bring his or her own machine for the contest. Should this not be possible or desirable, extra machines will be available at the place of contest. Services of an expert repair man will be available before and during the contest.

The contest will be conducted under the direction of Mr. James Hogg, of the Astoria Commercial College, Astoria, Oregon.

MONTHLY REPORTS: We are happy to list below the schools that have had 100% attendance so far during this year.

SEPTEMBER

Dist. 3
Dist. 20
Dist. 25 Upper
Dist. 25 Lower
Dist. 41

OCTOBER

Dist. 24 Yonkers & W.
Dist. 25 Lower
Dist. 29

NOVEMBER

Dist. 25 Upper
Dist. 33 Clifton

DECEMBER

Dist. 25 Upper
Dist. 41

DECEMBER

Dist. 9
Dist. 13
Dist. 33 Bradwood
Dist. 41

JANUARY

Dist. 13
Dist. 33 Brad.
Dist. 33 Clif.
Dist. 41

FOR SALE: The following pictures are for sale and further information may be had by contacting Miss Dorothy Croy, Warrenton, Oregon. Sir Gallahad, 32 x 18 and George Washington, 30 x 24, \$3.00 each.

BATTLESHIP OREGON APPRECIATION: The schools of Clatsop County can be justly proud of their contributions to the Battleship Oregon in the amount of \$58.83.

It is fortunate that this old battleship has been preserved to the nation in almost its entire original form. It is now berthed in the harbor of Portland, Oregon, where it has lain since being turned over to the State of Oregon in July 1925; her maintenance being met through a state fund administered by a commission of five members appointed by the governor of the state.

SEAL SALE RETURNS: This year the schools of Clatsop County contributed to the Christmas Seal Sale \$318.02, \$79.05 more than the previous year. Teachers kindly extend our thanks to the pupils of your school for the generous contributions. This sale helps to eradicate the spread of tuberculosis and assist in promoting a fine health program, which is a benefit to all mankind.

"In many words there are likely to be many errors."

"A man who discovered he is great, ceases to be great."

"A society woman who had employed a Chinaman for a cook asked his name. "My name San Toy Lee," he said. "Your name is too long, she objected. "I'll just call you John." "All light. What's your name, Missy?" "Mrs. Charlotte Van Hemingway." "Too long too, I call you Cholly."

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Childrens' Book League reports must be in this office by May 1.

IMPORTANT: If there is inclement weather on the day of the Music Festival, it will be held in the Regatta Pavilion.

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